



**Figure S4: WRS, STAT1 and PI3K expression in human and mouse tissues and MSC cultures.** Human and mouse MSCs were cultured in the absence or presence of IFN- $\gamma$  (2, 10 or 100 IU/ml) or IFN- $\beta$  (2,000 IU/ml) for 72 hours. Data are mean  $\pm$  standard error (SEM). \* $p$ <0.05, \*\* $p$ <0.01, \*\*\* $p$ <0.001 when compared with control (no treatment). Differences between two groups were analyzed by the two-tailed Student's  $t$ -test and of more than two groups by one-way ANOVA with *post-hoc* Dunnett's and Tukey's Multiple Comparison test. The gene/ $\beta$ -actin ratios were multiplied by 10,000 for clarity purposes in A. and B. **A.** Gene expression of WRS, STAT1 and PI3K in human tissues and MSC cultures as measured by qRT-PCR. **B.** Gene expression of WRS, STAT1 and PI3K in mouse tissues and MSC cultures as measured by qRT-PCR. **C.** Expression of WRS and STAT1 mRNA in mouse MSCs as measured by qRT-PCR. Cells were grown in the presence of increasing concentrations of tryptophan (0, 1, 5, 10 and 44  $\mu$ M) and/or IFN- $\gamma$  (0, 2, 10 and 100 IU/ml) for 24 hours. Mouse MSCs were cultured with 10% FBS as positive controls. Abbreviations: IFN- $\gamma$ , interferon- $\gamma$ ; IFN- $\beta$ , interferon- $\beta$ ; MSCs, mesenchymal stem cells; hAA, human adult astrocytes; M $\phi$ , macrophages; Trp, tryptophan; KYN, kynurenine; KYNA, kynurenic acid; FBS, foetal bovine serum; STAT1, signal transducer and activator of transcription 1; PI3K, phosphoinositide 3-kinase; WRS, tryptophanyl-tRNA synthase.